GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1226
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2000
GIFTS TO HAJ PILGRIMS
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India was entrusted to carry Haj Pilgrims both ways, on a no-loss no-profit basis during last year;

(b) if so, whether Air India incurred a loss of about Rs. 70.00 crores on this account due to unauthorised bestowal of Gifts (umbrellas and bags) by Air India to all the Haj Pilgrims;

(c) if so, whether the government have investigated into the matter who authorised the gifts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No, Sir. It is a regular practice to give umbrellas and bags to the Haj pilgrims travelling on Haj Charters flights and the expenditure in now borne by Government.

(c) and (d): Do not arise.